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The new face of technology

Greg Eichten
WINONAN

The gig is almost up. At the end of the 2007-08 school year Winona State University's laptop contract with Gateway will expire.

Winona State will have to engage in a new contract with a new computer vendor for next year, and Gateway is an unlikely bidder because the company's government and education operations have been acquired by MPC Corporation, formerly known as Micron Computers.

This means that over the next several months many faculty and students will be working hard to get a laptop contract in place. Next year, students might be carrying around a Dell, HP, Lenovo, or Toshiba among other possibilities.

The process of getting new laptop models every two years starts with the formation of a group called the Request for Proposal (RFP) team, which will be comprised of students, faculty, and IT members.

The first goal of the RFP team will be to assess the laptop needs of Winona State and find out what students, faculty, and IT personnel want from their laptop program. This will involve a lot of data gathering, including focus groups and surveys.

One study that E-learning is conducting right now involves the Gateway E155-C, an ultra-light laptop that is being referred to at Winona State as the "Gateway Thin and Light."

A small number of these light laptops

are in the hands of Winona State faculty and students for the purpose of assessing whether an ultra-light laptop is feasible for next year.

Nathan Lynne, the technology chair of the student senate and a person in possession of one of these Thin and Lights explained some of its features. "It's lighter and smaller, the screen flips both ways, and it has a biometric scanner to log you on using your thumb print," said Lynne, "It has the same stylus; except it also has an eraser on the other end and I've been getting a battery life of about five hours. Overwhelmingly, people have had a good reaction to it."

E-learning will gather the impressions of the Thin and Light from its users sometime around the end of October.

They will assess whether things like the keyboard, weight, and processing speed are satisfactory.

"The data they gather will be given to the RFP team, which will then help the team decide whether to include a request for companies to have an ultra-light laptop in the package they offer Winona State," said Ken Graetz, director of E-learning.

After the RFP team has a good idea of Winona State's laptop needs, their second goal will be to assemble an RFP document that will request computer vendors to put together a bid on the laptop program and explain how they could meet Winona State's requirements. Different aspects of the bid will likely include financial



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The "Gateway Thin and Light" is being tested by Nathan Lynne, technology chair of student senate. Gateway's contract with Winona State will soon expire and new options are being explored.

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State higher ed leaders visit campus, hear needs

Reps. Rukavina and Pelowski assess Winona State's needs and gather feedback from students

Stephanie Trask WINONAN

Minnesota State DFL Rep. Tom Rukavina, chair of the House Committee of Higher Education, said during his visit to Winona State University Tuesday that students need to voice their wants at the legislative level in order for the state to end tuition increases.

spring, a compromise held tuition at a 4 percent increase and was signed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty for the 2007 and 2008 academic years.

Because universities can't raise tuition higher than 4 percent, the restricted income means that universities will have to cut programs to make ends meet.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU).

Although MnSCU funding increased \$151 million, a 12 percent increase, over the next biennium, he said that it is time for MnSCU to appropriate money in necessary areas.

MnSCU was appropriated \$68 million for instructional technology, which accounts for



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Rep. Tom Rukavina, left, and Rep. Gene Pelowski, right, address student and faculty concerns during a visit to Winona State University last week. The lack of state support and mis-spending of funds can be resolved only by student lobbying, both representatives stressed.

"Wear a T-shirt that says on the front your name and major, and on the back write loudly and clearly how much debt you'll be in, and wear it around the state Capitol," Rukavina said. "They'll hear you."

Even when the student organizations and higher education advocates statewide called for a tuition freeze last

"This will ultimately end up cutting university programs because there will not be money to sustain everything each school has," Rukavina said during the student-faculty discussion.

Rukavina, who strongly supports lower tuition rates, is aware of the rising costs and the problematic spending under

a huge amount – more than 40 percent – of the total budget. This is three times more than the amount proposed by the House and seven times more than the Senate's proposed funding.

This allocation to instructional technology is meant to improve capabilities

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Voter turnout barely visible at 3.5 percent

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A mere 290 students, or 3.5 percent of the Winona State University student population, turned out to vote in the student senate fall general election.

There are still four open seats to fill – two College of Science and Engineering seats and two Graduate Studies seats.

Vice President Emily Feehan, who chairs the election committee, said that applications are out to fill the remaining seats and are due Monday by noon.

Applications are available at <http://www.winona.edu/studentsenate>.

Fall supplemental elections will take place Nov. 5-8.

The winners of the fall general election are as follows.

The freshman seats were won by Jacob Hite, biochem-

istry; Kristen Claeys, nursing; and Kelley Leland, biology/pre-medicine.

The sophomore seat went to Rachel Schromen, law and society.

David Obray, law and society/business/communication studies, won the senior seat.

The College of Business seat went to Caitlin Stene, marketing/pre-law.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences seat was won by Erica Turner, nursing.

Three out of four at-large winners have been determined: John Kolade, law and society/business; Savannah McKinley, political science/mass communications; and Kelley Leland, biology/pre-medicine. The fourth seat is still pending.

No applications were received for two open seats in the College of Science and Engineering and two open seats in Graduate Studies.

Presidents meet and discuss university issues

**Shanthal Perera
WINONAN**

The university president and vice presidents met with the student senate president and senators last week for an hour-long discussion of issues ranging from tuition increases to the prospects of a college smoking ban.

The feeling at last week's Meet and Discuss session ended in an overarching call that more frequent discussions are needed.

At the student senate meeting two days later, the senate passed a motion requesting another Meet and Discuss session in November.

Only two Meet and Discuss sessions are mandatory per year.

The administration and faculty senate meet every other week in Meet and Confer sessions, in which faculty makes formal requests.

"We don't have that luxury," said Stene.

In a later interview, Stene said his relationship with Ramaley

has evolved since their first encounter when Ramaley took the reigns.

"We've developed a really good working relationship. She's very easily accessible to me and I am easily accessible to her. It's a two-way street," said Stene.

Relations between student and university presidents have been less than satisfying in recent history.

Prior to Ramaley's arrival, relations between student senate and former President Darrell Krueger were strained due to the New University initiative, which asked

students to cough up an additional \$1,000 over the course of four years.

Ramaley's maiden voyage at Winona State was also eventful as the student senate was displeased with a lack

of student consultation in important decisions.

Praising former student senate president Carl Soderberg for being the "driving force behind it," Stene was happy with the state of student consultation,

but said that there is room for improvement.

Also discussed was the need to begin tuition discussions soon, something that is typically not addressed until the spring.

The senate voted at their meeting to begin discussions soon and may support Minnesota State Universities Student Association preliminary stance of a 3 percent increase, Stene said, pending that additional funding is not taken from campus budgets but from other funding sources, such as MnSCU's budget.

While Ramaley ensured that lowering the tuition increase to 3 percent would not affect any programs at Winona State, she did note though that union negotiations concerning faculty salaries weren't finalized and settling those contracts will give the administration a better grasp of where they are financially.



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Winona State President Judith Ramaley, left, and Vice President of Student Life Connie Gores, right, share in a group discussion comprised of administrators and student leaders last week.

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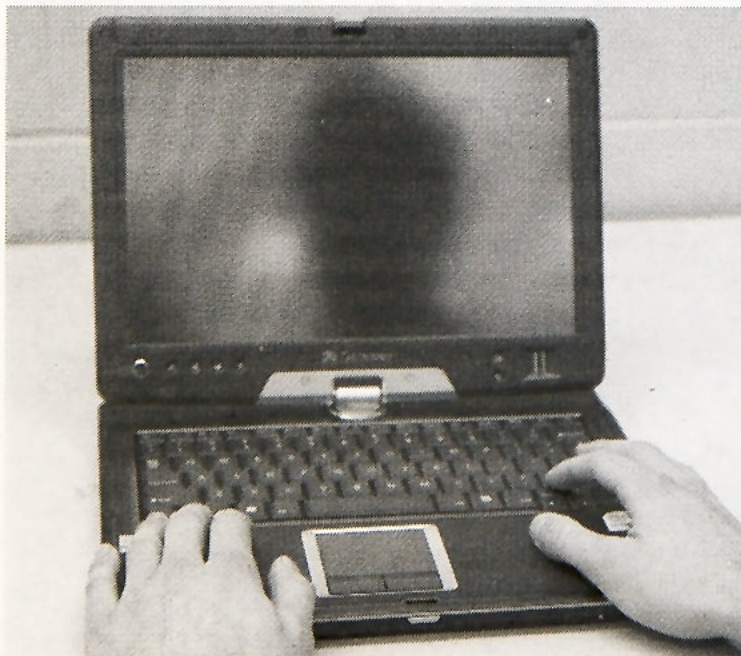


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An ultra-light laptop model like this Gateway may be a top request by the RFP team when seeking bids from laptop companies.

data, which equipment will be provided, delivery information, technology support information, and much more.

Dean Feller, manager of Winona State's technical support center, said "RFP is a long, difficult process. There are lots of business rules to be followed and we have to make sure vendors have fair opportunities."

It is expected that companies will start offering Winona State bids for its laptop program sometime during the spring semester. They will put together a package and the university will have to decide which one to select based on whether it meets the needs of the students and faculty.

"At this point, no one is

sure who will bid," said Feller, "Some possibilities are Dell, Gateway, HP, Lenovo, and Toshiba."

Graetz added the possibility

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--Dean Feller, technical support center manager

that MPC Corporation, the company that has just acquired Gateway, will bid.

David Gresham, CIO of Information Technology Services commented on Apple's role in the RFP. "Apple computers will also be part of the RFP. We know they are going to be the vendor, but they

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will still have to tell us what services and what kinds of hardware they plan on giving us for next year."

Sometime during the spring, Feller plans on assembling a laptop showcase with the vendors' equipment to try to gauge students' impressions of the computers, a strategy which has been effective in the past.

"Students should be aware that their feedback would be helpful. We want to know what we can add to the program that would add value for them, providing a laptop that will meet their educational needs," said Feller.

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Pro-life advocate: Post-abortion trauma experience 'not political, but science'

**Dana Kudelka
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The Rev. Denise Walker is well aware of the effects an abortion can have. She has had three.

She told a group of students and faculty at Winona State University Thursday that abortion and its effects are like a tree. Abortion, she said, is like the roots of a tree.

The trunk and branches are post-abortion trauma, a phenomenon that is highly debated and not recognized by the American Psychological Association.

The leaves symbolize the proposed psychological effects of post-abortion trauma, including depression, suicide, promiscuity, perfectionism and future pregnancy fears.

On Oct. 18, Walker and her husband, Rev. Brian Walker, shared their personal tale of abortion at Pasteur Hall.

Denise is a Minnesotan representative for Learn Education and Research Network (LEARN), a pro-

life African-American organization.

Denise's story begins when she decided to have two abortions with a man she was in a previous relationship with. After their relationship ended, Denise met Brian while they both attended Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Before their wedding, Denise found out she was pregnant. After discussing their options, the couple decided that Denise should have an abortion.

After feeling the effects of post-abortion trauma, Denise had signed up to attend a session at P.A.T.H. — Post-Abortion Trauma Healing. There, Denise discovered a personal truth.

"I blew (with emotion)," Walker said. "I believed every lie I had been told about abortion."

Denise gave the crowd facts about abortion's surgical procedure and post-abortion trauma.

The existence of post-abortion trauma has been up for debate by both sides of the

spectrum.

Denise feels strongly that post-abortion trauma exists from her personal experiences throughout her life.

"At first, (people affected by the abortion) may feel relieved for getting rid of the problem," she said. "But after awhile the behaviors come into play."

Post-abortion trauma has the possibility of affecting virtually anyone who had anything to do with the abortion, from the person who paid for the abortion to the clinic workers.

The Walkers spoke very passionately to the attentive crowd.

Being pro-life, pro-choice or not picking one side did not prevent the crowd, which ranged from students to a few faculty members, from noting how personal abortion is to the Walkers.

At one point, when the speech started to become heated, Denise asked a man sitting in the front row to stand up. She then used his body as a life-size figure to display how an abortion procedure is carried out.

She described how doctors take apart the body piece-by-piece, turning the speech into a graphic portrayal that left the room in a state of discomfort.

The Walkers emphasized that abortion is not something left up to religion or politics.

"This is not a political issue," Denise Walker said. "This is science."

The Walkers feel abortion deals with accepting the logical difference between what is right and what is wrong, no matter one's religion.

"In (people's) hearts, no matter if you believe in God

or not, there is a design that creates everything in the universe," Denise Walker said. "(This designer) puts in you knowledge between right and wrong."

Brian informed the audience of the four main reasons why people think having an abortion is justifiable: The size of the fetus, level of development of the fetus, environment, and dependence of the fetus.

The Walkers were invited to speak on campus by Warriors for Life, a pro-life organization at Winona State.

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Japanese Club hosts horror movie night

The Japanese Club is hosting a Halloween horror film night starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Stark Auditorium.

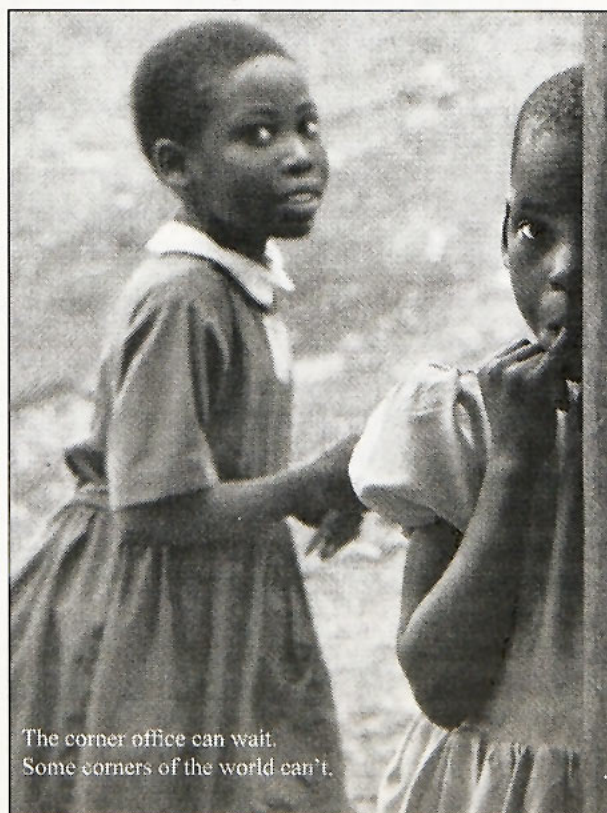
The horror films being showed are Audition, Ringu, Perfect Blue, The Grudge and Stacy.

Machha shakes (green tea milkshakes), vanilla shakes, popcorn and homemade Halloween cookie will be served.

Video game booths will be set up with survivor horror

classics, such as Resident Evil, as well more recent titles such as Dead Rising and Silent Hill and Fatal Frame.

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Online networking: Do you really accept the terms and conditions?

**Sarah Burgen
WINONAN**

Facebook was a hot topic in the Winona State University library for the last two weeks, with an Athenaeum miniseries on the website's positive and negative aspects.

The first week, a panel of experts spoke on the influences individual Facebook pages have on the hiring and judicial process.

Facebook is an online social networking Web site where members can post photos, write to friends and join common interest groups

"The main issue that students grapple with is that it is easy to assume that what you say (on these sites) is private. To a large extent, what you say

is not," said Matt Bosworth, a political science professor at Winona State.

Mark Norman, the chairman of the criminal justice department, gave an example from a police recruiter in Madison, Wis.

The recruiter was in the process of hiring a woman who was the best candidate he had ever seen.

One of his colleagues suggested a routine check of the woman's Facebook site. After looking, the recruiter discovered an incriminating photo of the woman smoking a marijuana cigarette.

If the woman had disclosed previous drug use, the issue may have been overlooked. On her application she claimed to never have done illegal drugs

of any kind.

On the legal side, according to Bosworth, University of Illinois police discovered two students urinating in public. One student ran, and the remaining student denied any connection to the runner.

After discovering the identity of the student who ran, his Facebook page was checked.

His friend list included the student who denied knowing him. That student was charged with obstruction of justice.

A few students on the panel the following week expressed that there are available precautionary privacy settings that can prevent these things from happening.

Jessica Wineke, a third year mass communication student, said that as she enters the work force, she will be deleting any incriminating photos "just to be on the safe side."

Brittany D'Alessio said she knew of the dangers of Internet searches, and said, "With jobs,

it's a lot about first impressions. You need to think about your actions."

The bottom line in the student presentation was the social aspect of Facebook.

Mike Majerowicz, a junior, said, "It has changed college students lives."

He listed many positive aspects of Facebook, including organizing educational projects, promoting club activities, networking socially, finding roommates and developing political views through discussions on message board threads.

Every student said that they used Facebook to keep in touch with high school friends that they would have otherwise stopped talking to once college began.

Two Winona State alumni, Holly Davis and Kari Winter, who were on the student panel, both use Facebook as organizing tools for Minnesota State University Student

Association.

They send messages to entire groups on Facebook, which Winter said was much more efficient than sending out e-mails to everyone.

Everyone on both panels agreed that students need to learn more about Facebook and the consequences of things posted on the site.

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for programs like online courses and Desire2Learn portal.

Rukavina admitted to being "embarrassed by letting things spin out of control."

"How it got to \$68 million is beyond me," the Iron Range representative said. However, he added that "technology sells" at the legislature, and that MnSCU made a good sale pitch.

Winona Rep. Gene Pelowski, who accompanied Rukavina on the visit, said he saw the need to keep tuition affordable, having taught in Winona area schools for 15 years.

Along with the student-faculty discussion, Rukavina was led on a campus tour by university President Judith Ramaley to see how state funding money was being spent, for example, the \$30 million on the new science building built in 2004.

The last part of the tour led into Memorial Hall where a brief presentation was given

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about the plans to build the new wellness and fitness center for Rukavina to pass along to legislature in hopes of being voted in favor of.

Rukavina was impressed with the plans, calling the new building an "innovative and useful" place that the campus was in need of.

The wellness and fitness center, which will be voted on later this fall at the state capitol, will rely on about 40 percent of state funding.

The decision will ultimately be up to state legislature.

Rukavina's visit to Winona State is part of a statewide tour at Minnesota colleges to assess their needs and resources. He plans to use these campus discussions to report back to the Capitol where they will prioritize higher education needs at the next legislative session, which begins Feb. 12, 2008.

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Security Incidents

Tuesday, Oct. 16

11:45 p.m.—Security responded to a fight call in front of Lourdes Hall. Three female students were found to be in the fight. No one wanted to press charges and the matter was referred to the Hall Director.

Thursday, Oct. 18

2:30 a.m.—A student was cited for a drug violation in Maria. The matter was referred to the Hall Director and Winona Police Department who also responded to the scene.

12:26 a.m.—Several students were cited for an alcohol violation in Maria. Matter was referred to the Hall Director.

11:45 p.m.—Security responded to a noise complaint at East Lake. The individuals were then seen leaving the building and several were eventually cited for possession of a small amount of marijuana in the parking lot. Upon returning to the room a student was cited for an alcohol violation. Matter was referred to the Hall Director.

Friday, Oct. 19

3:21 a.m.—Security responded to the Quad on a report of a highly intoxicated student. EMS was also called and eventually transported the individual to the hospital. A citation was also issued for minor consumption by the Winona Police Department.

11:15 a.m.—Security responded to the John Nett Center concerning an alarm. No problems found and matter was referred to Maintenance. Fire Department had also responded.

9:00 p.m.—A student reported being harassed by her roommate and the roommate's boyfriend. Matter referred to Residence Life.

Saturday, Oct. 20

11:45 p.m.—Several students were cited for an alcohol violation at East Lake. Referred to the Hall Director.

3:00 a.m.—A student reported being physically assaulted outside of the Quad by another student. Matter referred to the Hall Director and Director of Security.

Sunday, Oct. 21

2:34 a.m.—Security responded to an alarm in Maria (trouble), nothing found and referred to Maintenance.

8:56 p.m.—Security came upon a student having an allergic reaction in Tau, EMS notified and the student was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

3:53 a.m.—A student reported that she was assaulted a short time ago by her former boyfriend. Security eventually made contact with the individual outside of Maria and he attempted to assault security personnel. Matter referred to the Director of Security and Winona Police Department.

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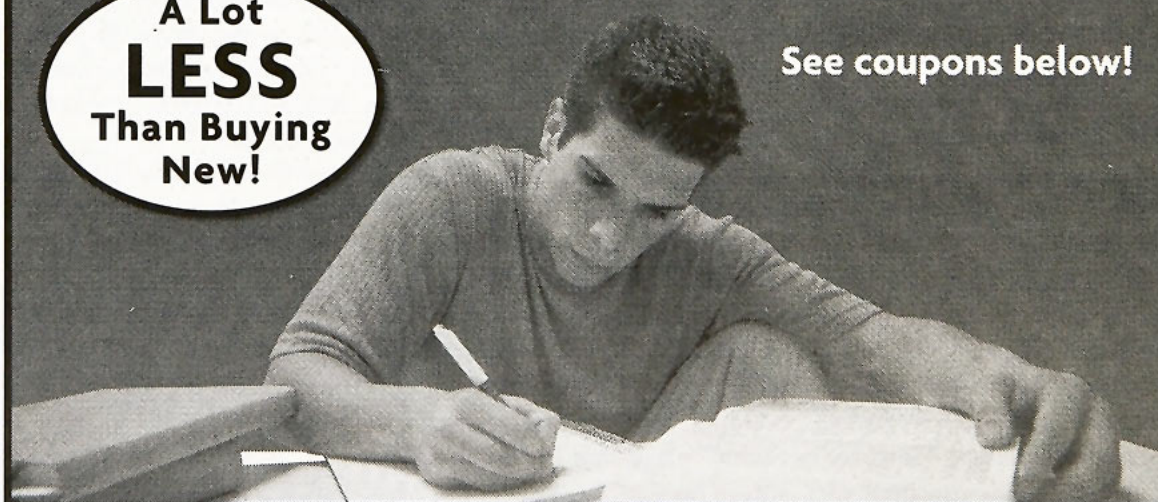
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Voiced concerns create academic backlash *Op/Ed*

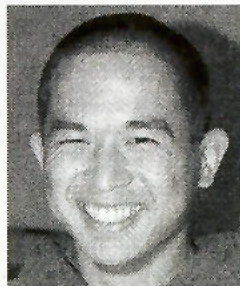
Samuel Keane-Rudolph
Op/Ed Columnist

American universities pride themselves on their open-mindedness, tolerance and diversity. Bastions of learning and free thinking, defenders of free speech, ivory towers of expression and learning. Private schools as well, even though they are not legally bound by the first amendment to protect student rights to free speech, wax eloquent on student rights

and responsibilities. Yet amid all this posturing, an ugly truth still remains – what do school administrations do when they don't like the speech being made?

At Hamline University, evidently, administrators suspend the student in question and order them to have a psychiatric evaluation before being allowed to return.

Hamline University graduate student Troy Scheffler wrote to Hamline administrators after the Virginia Tech shooting in response to a university e-mail about Hamline's security measures. Scheffler said that Hamline's security was good on campus, but nonexistent in the school's Minneapolis buildings off-campus where he had classes. He wanted permission from the school to carry his handgun for self-defense.



Scheffler is authorized by the state of Minnesota to carry a concealed handgun, meaning he has passed an extensive background check; passed a class on handgun safety, use, and self-defense laws; and is over 21.

Currently in Minnesota it is up to individual universities to decide whether or not to allow students to carry legal firearms. None do.

Scheffler's e-mail exchange culminated in an offer from the university to meet and discuss his grievances with Hamline's policy on a Friday. The next business day, before Scheffler had a chance to respond to the university's offer, another letter arrived informing Scheffler that he was suspended.

Upon inquiring as to the reason for his suspension,

Scheffler was told that his emails were considered threatening. When his lawyer informed Hamline's administration that the e-mails, despite their poor writing and harsh tone, did not meet the legal definition of a threat and that they were infringing upon Scheffler's free speech rights granted by Hamline's own student policy; the administration told Scheffler that "various members" of the Hamline community contributed to their decision to suspend him.

Neither Scheffler nor his lawyer has been informed about the nature of the charges and accusations brought anonymously against him. Additionally, Scheffler's lawyers have been denied information by the university pertaining to the case. Hamline's administrators claimed that privacy laws prevent them from sharing information about Scheffler's case – even though

they had received a letter from Scheffler specifically waiving his FERPA privacy rights so the university could talk about the case to his lawyers.

Does it strike anyone else as ominous that a student speaking his mind, whose only crime is poor grammar, can be suspended and ordered to have a mandatory psychiatric evaluation – one which could damage his legal rights and status as a graduate student and employee – just because what's on his mind doesn't fall under university groupthink?

On October 22-26, students at over 100 American colleges and universities will be wearing empty holsters to protest their lack of the fundamental right to self-defense on campus. I'm joining them. Let's not have any repeats of the Scheffler incident.

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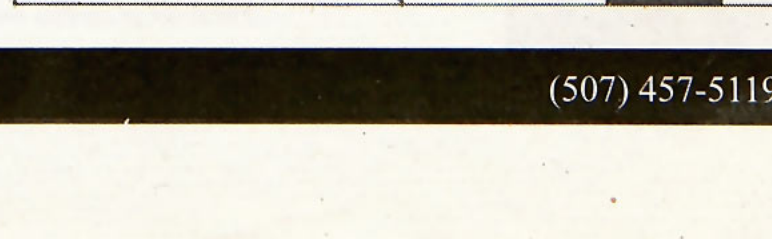
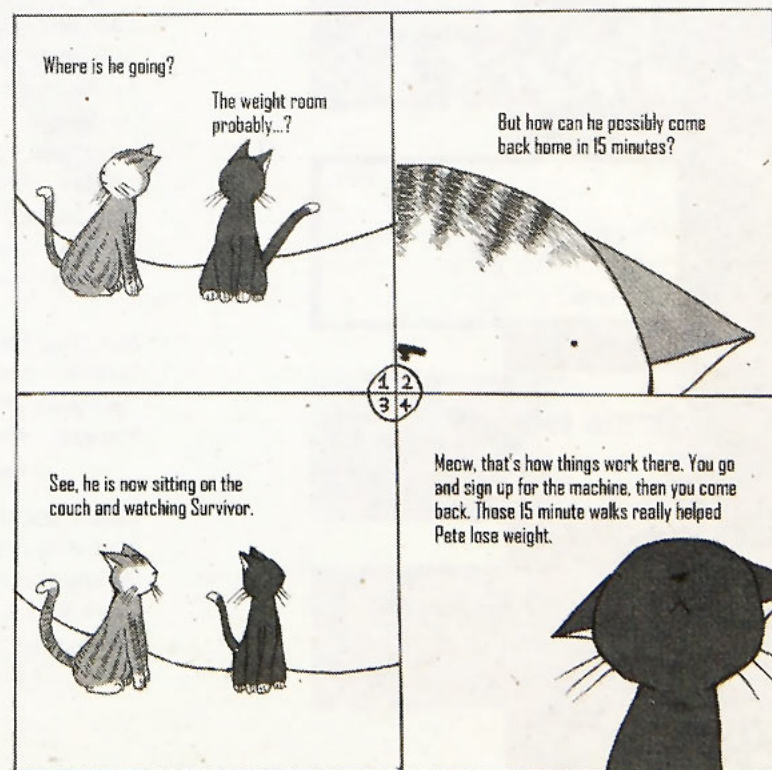
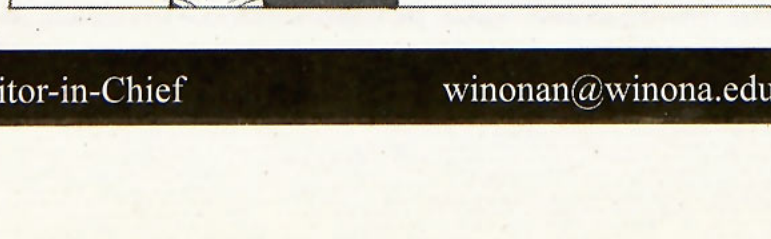
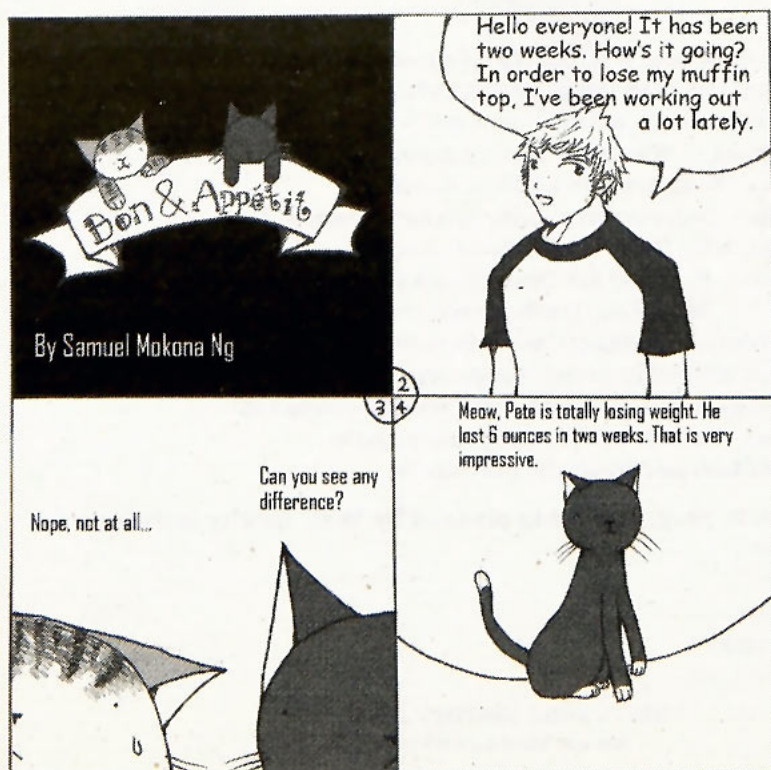
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Not quite as 'Chic' without knowledge

Ruth DeFoster
Guest Op/Ed Columnist

I see his face splashed across the back of a classmate's jacket every week—hooded eyes and upturned face, a beret perched jauntily on a head of dark hair. His face evokes youth and fervor and strength.

"Che Chic" is everywhere—on coffee mugs, bumper stickers, and my classmate's denim jacket. Ernesto "Che" Guevara, the Cuban revolutionary, has become a brand, an icon of romantic revolutionary idealism for a new generation of affluent youth—most of whom were born long after his death.

I interpret this fascination with Che as an ill-defined endorsement of freedom, revolution, and social justice, ideals for which Che himself supposedly stood when he was

alive.

His nomadic lifestyle, his idealism, and his early death make him an appealing martyr to a restless generation disillusioned with consumerism and the perceived constraints of a conservative, capitalist society.

But whenever I see his face adorning the shirt of some young person—usually a college student around my age—I have an overwhelming urge to shake the person.

Despite the trendy rock-star glamour and Christ-like iconography that characterized his political career and ultimate death, Che was no hero.

After the overthrow of the Batista establishment, in

post-revolutionary Cuba, he revealed a ruthless streak—by imprisoning and shooting political enemies.

This uncomfortable truth is often buried deep in stories detailing the cult of Che. Time Magazine, for example, in an effusive "Heroes and Icons" profile of Che, refers only in passing to the "darker, more turbulent Che," preferring to regard him as "the potent symbol of rebellion and the alluring zeal of revolution."

Let's not forget that hundreds of members of the former Batista regime and anti-communist groups were executed at his command. The preferred method for these political executions was a bullet to the back of the blindfolded

head—hardly a mark of bravery or nobility for a revolution whose purported goal was to deliver the Cuban people from the violence and oppression of the Batista regime.

In this respect, and in many others, Castro's subsequent dictatorship failed the Cuban people.

There are almost a million Cuban exiles living in Miami who can tell you precisely how and why. And they're still fleeing the country—on boats and inner tubes and homemade rafts—hoping to get to American soil, where they can be granted political refuge under the peculiar "wet feet, dry feet" policy that applies only to Cuban refugees.

I suppose this is all part of the mystique that is Che—the fact that he failed, that he died hopeless but defiant, standing

for freedom in the face of adversity.

But he didn't. He replaced one inhumanity with another. He was just a hipper, handsomer Stalin, gulags and all.

He was a rock star revolutionary, and like any rock star, people gravitated to his tough, badass image.

But let's be clear on this—he had (and still has) that image because he was genuinely a ruthless human being, a person who thought the end justified the means—even if the means was a bullet to the back of the head.

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Letters to the Editor

'Market Place of Ideas' too mature for some

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"You only hear what you want to hear," the saying goes, but can we impose our hearing preference on others or keep them from indulging their own? Well, in light of the unsavory protests and counter demonstrations on Sept. 13, some have decided free speech is subject to guerilla warfare.

Yesterday, a booth in Kryzko Commons advertised the Rock 4 Choice concert on Oct. 19. There were posters for the concert on bulletin boards in Minne Hall. Then the posters were removed.

Later, more posters went up on the same boards and over a drinking fountain in Minne. These advertised a talk

by Denise Walker on why she "regrets" her three abortions. I think this was to be at seven in Somson. These posters were also removed.

Unless I learn the time of her talk through another source (the "Warriors for Life" link has been removed from the WSU directory), I will be unable to exercise my freedom of hearing.

Since activists on both sides have decided which views on abortion women will have access to, I looked up Walker's organization on the internet. For anyone interested, she is an African American minister who founded Everlasting Light Ministries in 1991 to assist people suffering from post-abortion trauma. In pointing this out, I do not endorse any religious affiliation but feel students have a right to hear her, if they wish to.

This evening I saw the Rock 4 Choice posters were

back up in Minne. I profess to be a "prolife feminist" and am disturbed by the notion of "rocking" for something that many who support it believe is, like war, a "necessary evil." No one suggests we "Rock 4 Iraq."

However, I also understand a college campus is "a market place of ideas" where all freely compete. So, for those interested, the concert is at Steiny's Bar in Winona on Oct. 19 at 6:30 and is supported by the college FORGE and WILL.

Preborn rally fallacy

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I am responding to the lie spread through campus regarding our organization Missionaries to the Preborn. No one with our group ever called a woman or women

on campus "sluts, whores, or murderers."

I asked several people if they had actually seen what they were reporting as fact. All but one admitted they heard it from others.

I asked the one person who said they heard it to point out who in our group used such language. The person pointed to someone in our group 100 yards away. I said "let's go over and get to the bottom of this." Suddenly the person making the accusation had to leave and wouldn't go with me to confront the accused person.

When I was college age, we held that which was "reported" to be suspect. Unfortunately, this generation seems to believe whatever is printed or gossiped about. Or, could it be they just find it convenient to believe such lies because they fit their own prejudices and stereotypes regarding those who are pro-life.

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Women's and Gender Studies department organizes second annual fair-trade sale

Ruth DeFoster
WINONAN

For many consumers in the United States, "fair trade" is an economic term, a nebulous notion that brings to mind sound business practices and open markets.

But to several organizations that strive for social justice in an increasingly global economy, fair trade has come to represent a trading partnership characterized by transparency, fair payment for labor, and environmental sustainability.

In Winona, for the second year in a row, the Winona State University Women's and Gender Studies department is working with an international organization to promote fair trade worldwide by organizing a sale of handcrafted merchandise from artisans around the world.

Ten Thousand Villages, the group that is sponsoring the sale, is a nonprofit organization that strives to promote and practice fair trade by bringing handcrafted global merchandise to communities in the U.S. and Canada.

Linda D'Amico, an associate professor at Winona State who is organizing the upcoming sale, teaches Latin American studies within the Global Studies department. She also teaches within the Women's and Gender Studies department.

Last year's sale was such

a success, D'Amico said, that they have doubled the amount of merchandise to be sold this year.

"This year we're ordering nearly \$10,000 worth

In addition, D'Amico said, fair trade sales promote awareness in first-world countries about the plight of other human beings struggling to earn a



Photos from TenThousandvillages.com
Merchandise being sold at the fair trade promotional sale comes from artisans from many different countries including India, Ecuador, and Haiti.

of merchandise," she said. "Unpacking it all reminds me of being a little kid at Christmas. It's so exciting—the products are gorgeous."

D'Amico, who spent 20 years of her adult life in Latin America, said she is intimately familiar with the ways in which fair trading practices can make a difference in the lives of third-world artisans. By eliminating middlemen and delivering profits directly to producers, Ten Thousand Villages is improving the lives of people all over the world, she said.

"Many of these people live from hand to mouth, so having a secure order is significant for them," she said. "A secure income is worth a lot for their peace of mind."

living wage.

"I do it because it's really important to disseminate knowledge about what fair trade is and how people can make a difference in how they spend money," D'Amico said. "The state of our planet today—with a third of our brothers and sisters earning less than \$2 a day—we need to help them."

Tonya Turben, a Winona State University senior majoring in sociology, is helping organize the event, which will be run entirely by volunteers.

"The fair trade sale has made me become aware of how I shop, how I consume," Turben said. "It's important to look at how we shop, to ask questions:

Where did this come from? Who made it? What is their situation like? Are they getting a fair wage? It's nice to think that we're all connected, in some way."

Last year, Turben said, she was encouraged by the success of the sale, in which nearly all of the merchandise was sold.

"I think people learned about fair trade," Turben said. "That would be the biggest success that we could have, to learn that fair trade is about helping people, not just about buying things. People would ask what the purpose was, and we'd say, 'To improve lives, to help people live with dignity.'"

Kassie Lange, a Winona State University junior majoring in social work, said the point is to make fair trade personal. A consumer may see a label or a tag that says a product was made in China, she said, but they may not think of the artisan or worker who made it.

"The point is to personalize it so you think of individuals, and not regions," she said. "It's more than fair pay, but dignity, hope and joy."

Turben said that the upcoming sale offers a chance for Winona State students to become more conscious about their buying practices.

"Sometimes you think, what can I, as one consumer, do?" Turben said. "I think fair trade is something that can change the world

for the better."

The fair trade sale will offer reasonably priced merchandise affordable for college students, Turben said. With each item, the buyer receives a card explaining fair trade and where the item was made. The sale is ideal for Christmas shopping, she said.

The sale will be held in the lower level of Kryzko Commons in the Student Activity Center. It will be held Nov. 1, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Nov. 2, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Students interested in volunteering to help with the sale may contact Tonya Turben at TLTurben1170@winona.edu.

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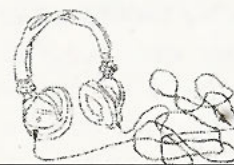
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A musical melting pot from students more qualified than you Our top ten underappreciated six-stringers

A popular monthly music publication recently made a list of their most underrated guitarists of all time. After a hazy night of cut-throat arguing, The Ruckus staff came up with our top 10 underappreciated six-stringers of all time. Educate yourselves...

10. Malcolm Young – AC/DC

Malcolm Young doesn't seem to mind that AC/DC fans drool over the unbelievable skill and performances of baby brother Angus, and rightly so. His achievements are substantial but Angus's wild solos wouldn't add up to much without the huge riffs and tight groove created by Malcolm's chugging rhythm. He still has the best guitar sound in rock, period.

9. Daron Malakian – System Of A Down

The rules of heavy guitar were completely re-written once Daron Malakian and SOAD rode out the Nu Metal craze at the start of this decade. Admittedly not the most traditionally skilled or solid live performer, Malakian makes up for it handsomely in innovation, style and studio mastery."

8. Dean DeLeo – Stone Temple Pilots

Scott Weiland's well-publicized drug busts in the 90s

took the spotlight away from where it really belonged—the music. STP weren't the greatest band of their era but the DeLeo brothers, Dean in particular, bent the rules of the "grunge" scene with unique melodies and mature songwriting. The 1994 album 'Purple' is a great example of the wide variety of sounds and styles DeLeo sampled during his creative peak.

7. Pat Smear – Nirvana/ Foo Fighters

Pat Smear has spent his most inspired years in the shadow of at least one member of Nirvana, playing on the Unplugged album from '94 and also the first two Foo Fighters records. Both groups were greatly improved with Smear in the lineup but he has yet to make a name for himself outside of those powerhouse bands.

6. Steve Bartek – Oingo Boingo

Who? Anyone familiar with the new-wave outfit can probably only name-drop Danny Elfman from the lineup but guitarist/orchestrator/producer Steve Bartek is a true genius in his own right. In terms of technical skill he's in the same league as Harrison and Robertson but his style is impossible to imitate and completely

unique to pop music. Bartek has remained under the radar his whole career only because of the band's limited success.

5. Robbie Robertson – The Band

One of rock 'n' roll's most sophisticated yet unknown players. Robertson fronted "The Band" for nine years and earned a reputation as a genius songwriter in collaboration with his mates. Robertson is unique in that his most vocal admirers were also his contemporaries; Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Ron Wood, etc.

4. George Harrison – The Beatles

It may seem strange to call one of The Beatles underrated but Harrison didn't get to really show his stuff until 'All Things Must Pass' was released in 1970. His solo career didn't bear much fruit but Harrison spent his post-Beatles years playing along side Clapton, Dylan, Jeff Lynne and Tom Petty.

3. Billy Gibbons – ZZ Top

Everyone and their mom knows ZZ Top, but self-professed gear-head Billy Gibbons continues to be the best-kept secret in rock 'n' roll. His playing has spanned a myriad of styles including blues, rockabilly, heavy metal, psychede-

lia and country, but Billy always sounds like Billy. The Top's 1984 masterpiece 'Eliminator' is one of the best guitar albums ever.

2. Brian May – Queen
Mercury's piano and falsetto vocals took center stage during Queen's most commercially successful years, but any fan can tell you that May has the goods. His signature tone and innovative use of delay pedals and multi-tracked guitar melodies defined the band's early sound. Check out the 1974 album 'Sheer Heart Attack' or the Wembley Stadium performances from '86.

1. Prince

A certifiable guitar God who has never gotten his due after nearly 30 years in the business. Prince's emphasis on quality compositions and synthetic instrumentation often masks and overpowers his guitar playing on studio albums. The Purple One's best guitar work is often showcased in live performances. Does the 2007 Super bowl halftime show ring a bell?

Any comments for The Ruckus can be forwarded to JCChandl3168@winona.edu.

The Fire Five

LISTEN TO:

"Say Goodbye To Love" Kenna

The single off the Virginia-bred do-it-all musicians sophomore disc brings fresh energy to the funk format.

"Bonafide Lovin" Chromee

Why do we love these guys so much? Is it their 80's synth-rock sound? The Dire Straits homage video they made for this track? I think it's because the duo is probably the only successful Arab/Jewish collaboration since, well, the beginning of time.

"The Heart Gently Weeps" Wu-Tang Clan

Off the new Clan effort due out in December, "Heart" is a street-cover of the similarly titled Beatles song penned by George Harrison. Guitar work comes courtesy of Chili Peppers axe-master John Frusciante and George's son Dhani.

"Shadowplay" The Killers

The Vegas rockers make this Joy Division cover hit lighter and clip quicker. The new version works well but let's not get it twisted. Brandon Flowers is no Ian Curtis.

"The Shape I'm In" Gov't Mule

A great jam track full of horns, funk guitar, and keys. These rock veterans rarely disappoint fans, and their new album, Mighty High, contains new arrangements of the group's favorite songs.

Roberts: '...Universe' exposes back-stories and emotion of 60's

Film

Across the Universe

Genre

Drama, Romance, Musical

Running Time

131 minutes

Director

Julie Taymor

Cast

Jim Sturgess

Evan Rachel Wood

Oh, and Bono.

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Roberts Rating

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Johnathan Roberts WINONAN

I'll be honest. I missed that stage in sophomore year of high school that tons of us went through where we got really into classic rock like Led Zeppelin, CCR,

The Doobie Brothers, The Who, Jimi, and of course, The Beatles. I was way to busy going to my friend's basement concert, or some VFW for a \$3 local show to care about these ancient bands that were only played on the "oldies" station, and I totally regret it.

But, I've paid the price, and definitely learned my lesson, and since my senior year at Charles B. Whitnall, I've been catching up on all the of the wonderful, world changing music that I missed in my ignorant youth. I've taken a special liking to the ever-popular Beatles, not just for their musical masterpieces but for their politics and ethics as well. The passion just pours out in each song like a flood through the speakers.

Another thing I missed the ship on was the 60s and really no one is to blame there, except for maybe my parents, but I think my dad was in elementary school when "Abbey Road" came out, so I can let it slide. For all of us that missed out on one of the most definitive eras in our nation's history, "Across The Universe" is a wonderful recap of the timeline of events that reshaped America. And the best part is it uses 33 different songs by The Beatles.

There is nothing I can say that can accurately describe "Across The Universe" to give it justice, but not because it was that outrageously awesome, but because it was that outrageous. The movie is a work of art. It has running themes, it



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Jim Sturgess, above, who plays Jude in 'Across the Universe' travels to the United States to find his birth father only to find himself falling in love.

has characters, it has flaws, and it has a message. The themes run deep, the characters even deeper, while the flaws float on the surface, and the message drills straight to the core.

Thirty-three songs, some set up with exquisitely

scripted theatrics and others with an orgy of visual effects and drug induced alterations. Some say it's a musical, others say it's a two hour music video.

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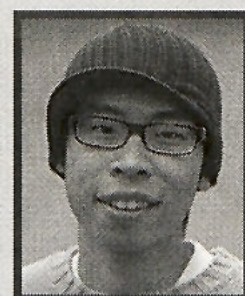
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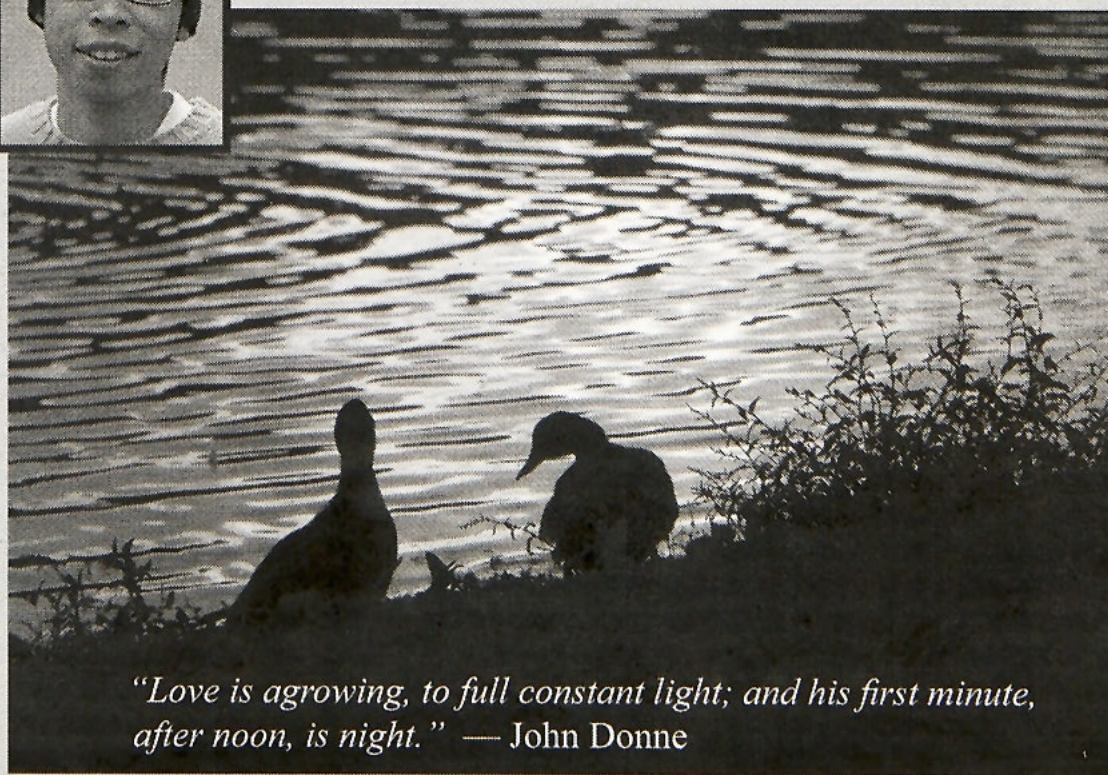
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"Love is agrowing, to full constant light; and his first minute, after noon, is night." — John Donne

Sugar, we're going on tour to dance, dance

**Sarah Burgen
WINONAN**

The entire reason I'm going to school is to make some money doing something I love to do. What I love to do, at least for now, is be around people who make music. Those who can't play music, listen to music, right?

I'm a self-proclaimed concert addict, and on most days, you'll see me wearing a band T-shirt. I get crap from my roommates for this, but it's who I am, and it's who I've been for a very long time. The people I tend to get along with value music as much as I do.

My friends Kristin, Andrew and I left Friday morning for Grand Rapids, Mich. It was the second stop of Fall Out Boy's Young and Wild Things tour. Now, many people may be thinking, "You seriously like Fall Out Boy?" The answer is yes, so shut up, because I don't care about being a hipster all the time.

After driving for about eight-and-a-half hours, and losing an hour because of time zone discrepancies, we arrived at the Deltaplex in Grand Rapids. Due to my infinite connections in the music industry (haha), I was guest listed and got two VIP passes at the box office.

We arrived right as the band that my friend, Dave Melillo, was playing with (Cute Is What We Aim For of Fueled By Ramen records) was finishing up. The show, which I will get into later since I saw the

same thing for three nights, was great. After the show, we drove about an hour and half into northern Indiana, where my friend Kristin is from. Her friend Amber offered up her living room to us, and we gratefully took her up on it.

After six hours of sleep, we woke up and visited

various places in Kristin's hometown.

It was really the beginning of one of the best days of my life. Even my shower that morning was probably the best shower I had ever taken.

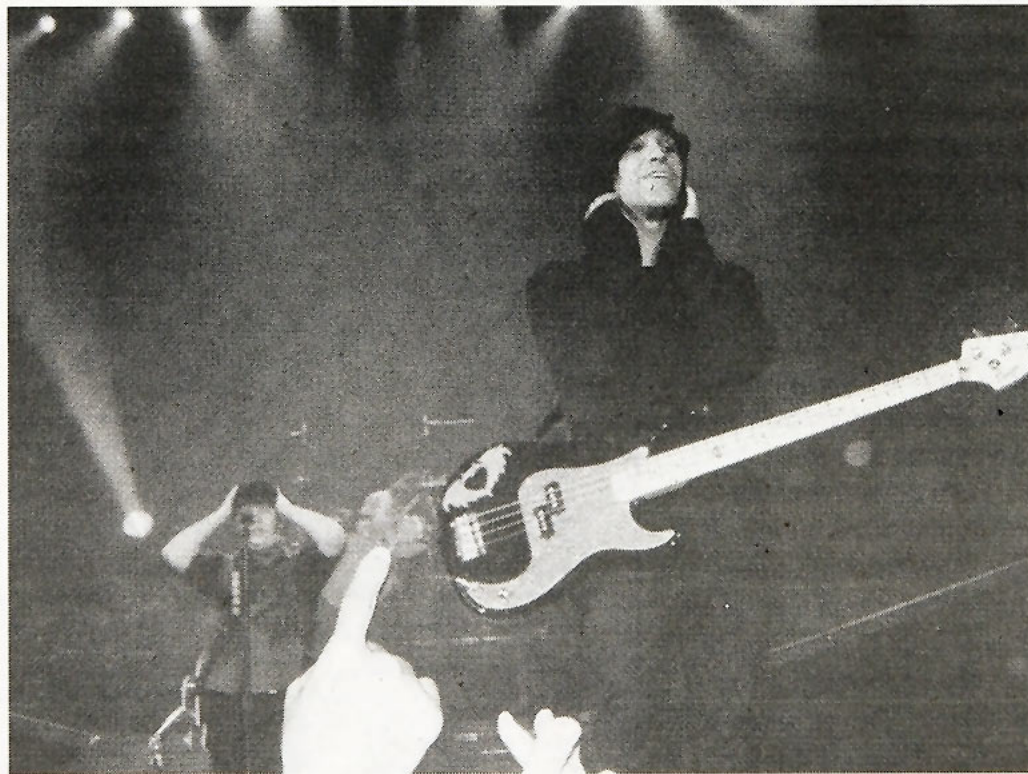
We drove into Chicago and hit insane traffic, and stopped to use some facilities in Gary, Ind., which probably wasn't the best idea. It was a shady area, and the fast food restaurant where we made the pit stop didn't even have a bathroom.

Regardless, we made it to the venue at a little bit past 7:30. My friend Andrew had worked his magic that night, since it was a sold out

show. Three guest passes were waiting for us. As we pulled into the parking lot, I received a text message from a man who is, quite literally, my hero. His name is Johnny Minardi and, at the age of 18, he took \$4,000 and started his own record label. He is 24 now, works for Fueled By Ramen and

was nice to my friends.

The show that night blew me away. We had seats right next to the stage. Fall Out Boy is one of those bands that I've seen grow from nothing into this HUGE phenomenon and it truly makes me emotional to think about it. They get a bad rep in the press because



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Fall Out Boy's vocalist Patrick Stump and bassist Pete Wentz perform Saturday in Rosemont, Ill. at the Allstate Arena. The Saturday show was sold out, as Fall Out Boy is a band native to the Chicago area.

is one of the nicest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. When I found out that I would be at a show that I was certain he'd be attending, I let him know. We exchanged numbers and agreed to meet up there. Sure enough, as I was wandering around the venue, I spotted him and had a mini freak out. We talked for a little while, and despite the fact that I felt like a complete creeper, he was gracious and hugged me and

they are enjoying what they're doing, but they really care about their diehard fans.

They played the same set as the night before, with the exception of probably one of the best songs they've ever written: 'Chicago Is So Two Years Ago.'

My energy was super high after their set as we drove into downtown Chicago to stay at Kristin's friend's apartment right by the famous Millennium

Park. Her apartment was phenomenal. It was on the tenth story and overlooked the city. It was absolutely breathtaking.

The next morning, after I showered (once again, the shower was incredible... I've never felt so clean), we walked around Chicago and went to the most amazing Italian restaurant. We people-watched for a while, and then jumped in Kristin's car to head down to the final stop on our adventure—Champaign, Ill.

We actually got to the show an hour and a half early that day. Dave pulled through for me again. I was guest listed +1, and had two VIP passes.

Seeing Dave performing on stage in an arena that night for a full set was a little bit surreal. This is a guy I've seen perform in front of seven people. I'm so proud of him.

There's something amazing about knowing the set lists by heart and feeling a part of something that big. It was very bittersweet, because I knew that I would have to go back to the structure of college classes.

Essentially living out of a car for three days was one of the most liberating things I've ever experienced. I wish I could do it over again, and hopefully someday, I will be able to.

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I say that it is an art gallery that exposes all the back-stories, all of the emotion, the feeling, the circumstances and scenarios, all of the pain and loss and moving on, the fighting, the resistance, the struggle—everything that made the 60s what they are, and shows these things to the audience. It goes beyond the canvas and into the “where were you when ‘X’ happened” questions when we see pictures of burnt draft cards, VW vans, and yellow submarines.

The loose storyline follows Jude, a British dockyard worker from Liverpool, who jumps to the States to find his dad. He runs with a soon-to-be Ivy League drop-out named Max and moves to New York, into the beating heart of culture and freedom of expression. When Max’s sister Lucy finds out her boyfriend has been killed in Vietnam she moves in with the boys just as Max gets word that he has a date with Uncle Sam. As Jude and Lucy fall for each other, the flow of the city grabs hold of them and takes through steamy clubs, to guru huts, and back to tear gas and batons of the Columbia University protests.

While the plot jumps around on its shaky structure, it is really the screenplay itself that carries the movie. The casting and acting are solid all the way through, and movie forums tell me that 90% of the songs were done live, on set, which, to me, is very impressive. Taymor takes

liberties in her directing and creates something very original and fresh, that even with all of the flaws, forced songs, and obvious references, these are all too easily overpowered by the depths that are gone to in order to make it a very magical and mysterious experience.

Almost every scene that doesn’t include a song has a reference to another song in what is happening on screen. The chemistry between the characters is not only believable but impossible to deny, and their musical performances are so tight, I had no doubt while I was watching it that most of the songs had to be done live, unless they casted for actors and actresses who can lip-synch vibrato.

The sets and scenery really make the movie. It gives a historical frame for all the action that takes place in its borders and this is very important for the message. The message is hard to define. I think it speaks to everyone a little differently, but “Across The Universe” definitely speaks, through a mega-phone, loud and clear.

The common vibe I got from peoples’ faces and the tone of their voices was emotion—just pure and raw emotion—and the all the energy that comes with it.

If there was one part of the 60s that the movie really drove home, it was the compulsion to move, to be active, to find something to believe in, to do something that you love, or just to love.

I would suggest “Across The World” for anyone, but

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I warn you it won't be for everyone. It is free, it is expressive, there are guys' back bottoms and girls' top fronts, and it just might flat

out be too weird for some people. But if you find yourself with an open mind and an appreciation for The Beatles, then you've found

your film.

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Despite doubts, Easker dominating as freshman

Matt Huss
WINONAN

When Winona State University cross country coach Neal Mundahl was recruiting Bethany Easker, he told her that she'd immediately be one of his top three runners.

Easker was skeptical.

When Mundahl said that he assumed Easker would make the NSIC all-conference team in her first year, the freshman runner didn't believe it.

On Saturday Mundahl's predictions came to fruition, and Easker became a believer.

The freshman phenom placed fifth in the NSIC championships at Westfield Golf Course in Winona, earning all-conference honors and leading the WSU women's team to a third-place finish.

"I told her, 'You'll be within our top three on the very first day,'" Mundahl said, referring to his talk with Easker when he was recruiting her. "I assumed she'd be a top 10 all-conference runner."

Easker had much more modest aspirations.

"My goal this summer was to just make varsity and score for the team," said Easker, who finished just three seconds out of second place with a time of 23:18. "I never thought I'd be doing this good."

Easker's most recent perfor-

mance was merely the latest in a list of impressive accomplishments.

In just her third collegiate race she posted the third-best time in the history of the WSU women's program, and she's been the Warriors' top finisher in five of her team's six races this season.

Easker is one of 15 freshmen on a women's team that is without a senior and features just two juniors and three sophomores. But age appears to be just a number in cross country.

WSU's Allie Glasbrenner made the all-conference team as a freshman last season. On Saturday she finished in 11th place with a time of 23 minutes, 48 seconds — a personal-best — but missed the all-conference team by four seconds.

"Allie was disappointed," Mundahl said. "But she ran her best time ever, so she can't be that disappointed in her performance."

WSU sophomore Neil Skoog, who also made the all-conference team as a freshman last season, ran his fastest time of the year at 28:02 to finish 19th overall and lead the men's team to a fifth-place finish, despite being unable to train for nearly two months late in the summer due to knee tendinitis.

"I should have done a lot better — I wanted to get in that top 10 again," Skoog said. "I



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WSU's Kevin Kallas tries to hold off a Northern State runner by the finish line during the NSIC championship meet Saturday in Winona.

just haven't been able to get all the way back.

"If I could have ran like I was able to last year, I would have got in that top eight, but I left it all out there today, which is all I could do."

All year Mundahl has repeatedly said that his goal was to use the regular season as sort of a competitive training regi-

men to prepare his teams for the conference meet. His plan appeared to be successful.

Ryan Slack, who finished 21st, recorded a personal-best time of 28:23. Ryan Ledin (29:06) and Brent Vyvyan (29:28) also set personal-best marks for a men's team that features just two juniors, three sophomores and eight fresh-

men.

While she never expected to have so much success so quickly, Easker envisions a bright future for the youthful Warriors.

"We're young, but we'll all be together for the next two to three years," she said. "We should have a really good team."

WSU men favored to win NSIC; women picked 5th

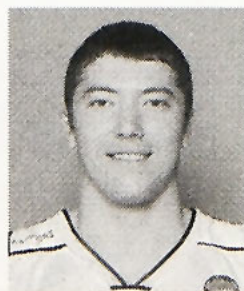
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The Winona State University men's basketball team was picked to win the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in the league's preseason coaches' poll.

Northern State was picked to finish behind WSU, which was a unanimous pick, followed by Southwest Minnesota State,

MSU-Moorhead and Wayne State (Neb.).

WSU, which won the Division II national championship in 2006 and was the runner-up last year, will begin the season ranked No. 1 in the nation by Division II Bulletin, and No. 2 in the nation behind South Dakota in



Smith

Sporting News Magazine's preseason poll.

Division II Bulletin also named WSU senior center John Smith the Division II preseason player of the year.

The 6-foot-8

Smith, who won national player of the year honors last season, was also tabbed to repeat as NSIC player of the year by the league coaches.

The Winona State women's team, which exceeded expectations and surprised many in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference by going 15-12 overall, 11-7 in conference play and finishing tied for fourth

place in the NSIC, was picked to finish fifth in the preseason coaches poll.

Concordia-St. Paul was a unanimous No. 1, followed by MSUM, Bemidji State and NSU.

CSP senior center Amanda Behnke was named the NSIC preseason player of the year.

Schumacher beats buzzer; Warriors beat Bears

**Matt Huss
WINONAN**

Leslie Schumacher did something Saturday afternoon that is very rare in the sport of soccer.

The junior midfielder beat the buzzer, scoring the golden goal with just three seconds left in double-overtime to give the Winona State University women's soccer team a 1-0 victory over Concordia-St. Paul.

Despite outshooting the Golden Bears 31-13 and leading 13-4 in shots on goal, the Warriors' explosive offense was held scoreless by a bunkering CSP defense for the first 109 minutes and 57 seconds.

With time running down and desperate to make something happen, WSU junior Heidi Worerle unleashed a rocket from nearly 30 yards out. The ball curved through multiple CSP defenders to the far post, where Schumacher had gone back door to beat her defender.

Racing full-speed toward the goal, Schumacher got a leg on the ball and redirected it past the CSP goalkeeper.

"I don't even remember what I did; I just remember Heidi crossing the ball and it going through all the defenders and ending up at me," Schumacher said. "I just ended up



Schumacher

knocking it in. I really just ended up being in the right place at the most perfect time."

Bears defenders fell to the turf of Maxwell Field in shock and disbelief, as Schumacher was mobbed by her teammates.

"It was just awesome, and we really needed to win that



WSU's Gina Florian attempts to kick the ball past a Minnesota State-Moorhead defender during the Warriors' 5-0 win Sunday at Maxwell Field.

game," Schumacher said. "We played so hard all the way to the end, and we knew we could finish it — it was just a matter of time."

"I guess it did take until there were three seconds left to finish it, but winning is the most important thing."

Schumacher knows from experience. As a sophomore on her high school basketball team, she hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. Her team eventually lost.

"That 3-point shot was the only thing that comes close to this," she said. "But this one was way better."

After scoring just five goals in 42 career games over her first two years, Schumacher has

been on a tear as of late. She's equaled her two-year total over her past four games — a stretch in which she's put up 11 points — and has six goals in 17 games on the season.

She scored twice in the Warriors' 5-2 win at Wayne State last Saturday, added another in WSU's 4-0 win over host Southwest Minnesota State last Sunday, and scored in her fourth straight game in Sunday's 5-0 blanking of MSU-Moorhead.

"I have to credit the team," Schumacher said. "Things are just working really well for us right now. We've really stepped it up

since the middle of the season, and we're really clicking at the right time."

The Warriors have a combined 18 goals during their five-game winning streak, and Schumacher has played a huge part, but no player has been hotter than Holly Sutton.

The senior forward has six goals, three assists and 15 points over her last five games — and one awkward half-time experience.



Sutton

After scoring two goals in the first half of WSU's win over MSUM, Sutton was recognized with the rest of her senior teammates as part of Senior Day.

What was sup-

posed to be a moment of recognition turned into an extended period of awkwardness.

Sutton stared uncomfortably at the Maxwell Field turf as the impressive achievements she's accumulated over her four-year career in purple and white was read off for all to hear.

The list went on and on.

"It was a little awkward," Sutton laughed. "You don't want to look at everyone in the stands because they're talking about you, and you don't want to be like, 'Yeah, that's me.'"

In 2005 she was named to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference second team and the NSIC all-tournament team. In 2006 she made the NSIC all-conference first team, the NSCAA/adidas all-central region first team and the Daktronics all-central region second team. She was named the NSIC offensive player of the week twice and ranked second in the league in points (15) and goals (7) and first in game-winning goals (5) en route to being named the NSIC offensive player of the year.

Her two goals on Sunday moved Sutton into second place all-time at WSU with 105 career points and third place all-time with 38 career goals.

"I feel like I'm leaving my mark, and that was a good way to end the last home game of the regular season, she said"

Sutton and her senior teammates, Katie Krantz, Lindsay Opgenorth, Kallie Tellefsen, Annie Lauterer, Molly Blum and Kayla Walters, whose list of accomplishments droned on just as long, have left an indelible mark at WSU, leading the Warriors to three regular season conference titles, two NSIC tournament championships and a 61-12-7 overall record.

Warriors win 30th straight NSIC home game

Adam Stanek
WINONAN

The Winona State University football team's game Saturday was more than just a home game.

It was their last home game of the season against a very talented Bemidji State team, and it was regionally televised.

Winona State defeated the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference preseason favorite 35-24 and kept their undefeated conference record intact.

"It was huge because they were the defending conference champions," WSU coach Tom Sawyer said.

It was the 30th consecutive home NSIC win for the Warriors, who haven't lost a conference game at home in eight seasons.

The game received regional exposure, as Fox Sports Net broadcasted the game to viewers in five states.

"It wasn't just a great promotion for our team, but the whole university," Sawyer said.

The key to the Warriors' win over the Beavers was the rushing attack.

WSU gained 168 yards rushing on 48 attempts for an average 3.5 yards per carry.

For any other team, 3.5 yards per carry might not seem like much, but against the Bemidji State defense, the number was very high.

BSU had one of the best rush defenses in the country and had given up only 391 yards coming into the game, an average of 1.5 yards per rush.



Aber

"We had a good game plan," Sawyer said. "We loaded up the front and ran the ball hard."

As a result, Winona State was able to get an early lead.

On WSU's first possession, Alex Wiese ran the ball into the end zone from 14 yards out to give the Warriors a 7-0 lead, capping off a 4-play, 49-yard drive.

The Beavers answered on the ensuing possession, as Erick Newman scored on a 4-yard touchdown run.

The Warriors got the lead back on the next possession.

WSU went on a 10-play, 68-yard drive which was again answered by Wiese pounding it in from 3 yards out.

Ryan Abbott missed the extra-point attempt, keeping the lead at six.

The Warrior offense also took advantage of great defensive work.

After recovering a fumble, the Warrior offense punched in a 5-yard touchdown run by quarterback Drew Aber.

Abbott again missed the extra point, and the Warriors held a 19-7 lead.

BSU took advantage of a WSU mistake on defense, as Beavers quarterback Cory Wardrobe connected on a 36-yard pass play to Anthony Schreiber for a touchdown.

BSU cut the lead to five on the 7-play, 63-yard drive.

Winona State would also capitalize on a Bemidji State mistake on defense.

On third-and-long, Aber connected with wide receiver Scott Peters on a slant. Peters took it to the house for a 33-yard touchdown, putting the Warriors up 26-14.

With less than two minutes remaining in the half, the Warriors put together an 8-play, 54-yard drive, capped off with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Tyrre Burks, putting WSU up 32-14 at the half.

The second half turned out to be much better executed on the defensive side for both teams.

However, BSU made the game interesting.

On its first drive of the second half, BSU drove down the field and kicked a 24-yard field goal to cut the WSU lead to 15.

WSU, ahead 32-17, drove down the field on the next possession, but Aber threw an interception in the red zone. BSU returned it into WSU territory.

But the WSU defense held again, and the Beavers missed on a 23-yard field goal attempt.

In the fourth quarter, WSU made it a three-possession game again, as it went on a 15-play, 71-yard drive capped off by a 26-yard field goal by Abbott, making the score 35-17.

BSU (4-4, 3-3) was dealt some bad field position on its next possession but it didn't stop its offense.

The Beavers went on a 9-play, 85-yard drive finished off by a Wardrobe 12-yard touchdown pass to Adam Berg, cutting the lead to 11.

But the WSU defense finished strong, and the Warriors won 35-24.

Leading the way for the Warriors in the receiving game was

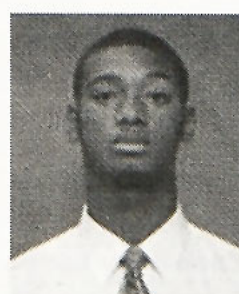


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WSU's Alex Wiese (29) tries to break through a tackle against Northern State during the Warriors' 49-20 win Oct. 13 at Maxwell Field.

Burks, who had 13 catches for 130 yards and one touchdown.

"My goal was to just come in and make an impact," Burks said.



Burks

"That's what I'm trying to do. Just make an impact on Winona State and our football team as a whole. I just want to be a part of something great."

"If you're going to do that, it's going to open up Tyrre, who is a great wide receiver in his own right," Peters said, referring to the double teams

he faced all game. "People shouldn't be double covering anybody on our team because we are that talented."

Aber was able to put together a solid game, as he completed 27 of 40 passes for 302 yards and two touchdowns to go along with one rushing score.

However, the unsung hero of the game was Wiese, who had 34 carries for 126 yards and two touchdowns.

WSU (7-1, 6-0) put up 35 points off of 470 total yards against a defense giving up only 322 yards and 16 points per game.

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Balich leads Warriors to all-time milestones

**Justin Magill
WINONAN**

Records are meant to be broken, and the Winona State University volleyball team broke two of them.

A victory over Bemidji State University not only set a school record for conference wins (10), but it also set a new mark for overall wins with 18.

Confident, consistent play has helped WSU play well as of late, but leadership from its captain has made this year one to remember.

One can't help but notice the presence that Rudi Balich has on the Warriors.

Balich is by far the most excited player on the court, bringing energy and excitement to the WSU squad.

Balich is the first player who can be heard after every point



Balich

in a match, whether W S U needs to get some momentum back, or after one of her teammates or herself scores a big point.

Watching Balich play can be a breath of fresh air for fans, who get to see a player who truly loves the game and never gets down when the match gets tough.

After a huge point, it's common to see Balich fire off fist pumps, similar to Tiger Woods after making a long putt.

Balich is a two-year captain for the Warriors, which means she knows how to lead a team.

At times it is not all fun and games for Balich, because being a leader means that she has to be tough on her teammates.

"There are times when you

have to lay down the law, and those are the times when you're not well-liked," Balich said. "But the team understands, and we move on."

Sometimes a coach has to lay down the law, and they often look at the team's captain.

"I let her know when we are playing well, but I am on her first when we are not playing well," WSU coach Connie Mettill said. "But she handles the leadership role as well as anyone can."

Being a captain also means taking on different responsibilities, something Balich has experienced this year.

Balich was a defensive specialist at the start of the season, but with WSU's mid-season injury bug, Mettill had to make some adjustments.

One of those adjustments was moving Balich from her defensive role to a distinctly more offensive position of outside hitter.

"It was a 100 percent mentality change for me," Balich said.

Balich has adjusted well to the position change but still keeps her defensive mentality.

Even with her new success as an outside hitter, Balich showed that she is a complete player against Minnesota State-Moorhead.

Balich led the way for WSU with 15 kills, and showed off her defensive skills with 20 digs — also a team high.

Balich also offered a little insight into what goes on behind the scenes, including some of Mettill's pet peeves.

"She absolutely hates it when we pick at our shorts," Balich said. "Or when you ask her a question that she already answered."

Balich said this year's team has bonded well together. Perhaps from some of the games they play while on the road, such as the card game "Mafia."

"It is an intense game that we all get into, sometimes there's anger but all in good fun," Balich said.

Most fans would agree that it's very enjoyable to watch a player who enjoys the game as much as Balich does.

"She is just a fun person to be around," a smiling Mettill said.

Balich is a unique player who's out there to have fun while putting together a consistently solid performance, and she's a player fans love to see.

"She loves everything about WSU," Mettill said. "She bleeds purple."

In her two years as captain, Balich has had an educational experience.

"I have learned a lot about leadership," Balich said. "All I know is that this year's team is the best that I have been a part of."

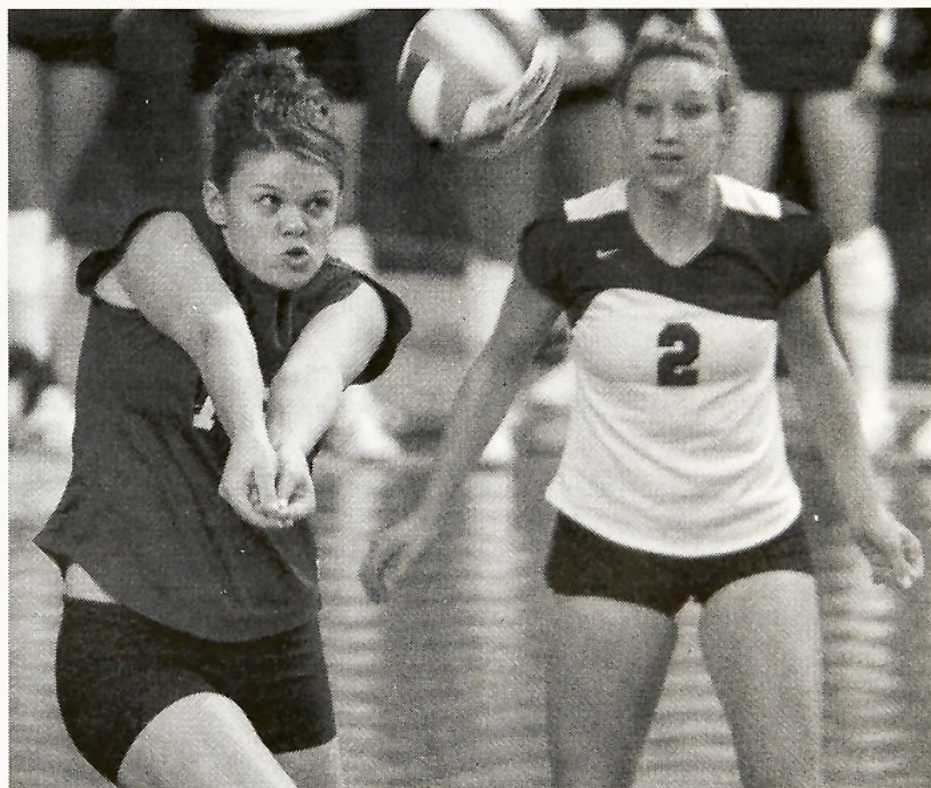
Balich loves her team and will do anything to help it succeed, which is, perhaps the true definition of a captain.

Balich and the rest of her WSU teammates kept their hot streak going.

A dominating defensive performance and a balanced offensive attack helped WSU to a 3-0 (30-19, 30-14, 30-22) victory over Upper Iowa on Oct. 9.

"It was just another team effort for us tonight," Mettill said.

WSU had a little bump in the road in its following match on



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WSU's Crystal Otte digs the ball as teammate Carmen Stankowski watches during the Warriors' nonconference win over UW-Parkside on Oct. 16 in McCown Gymnasium.

Oct. 12.

That bump happened to be the top team in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Concordia-St. Paul.

CSP swept the Warriors 3-0 (30-27, 30-24, 30-24).

Jenna Padley suffered an ankle injury early in Game 2, making it tough for WSU to bring all of its weapons against the No. 4-ranked Golden Bears.

Freshman Kim Nemcek led WSU with 12 kills, and Lisa Dobie had 29 assists.

WSU bounced back the following day, defeating MSUM 3-0 (30-25, 30-20, 30-15).

"We came back after a loss last night and played phenomenally well today," Mettill said.

Balich had a stellar match, leading the Warriors with 15 kills and 20 digs.

"Balich had something to prove tonight, and she did it," Mettill said.

WSU got a break from NSIC opponents, playing Wisconsin-Parkside, an extremely streaky

team this season.

The Warriors put together another solid team effort, beating Parkside 3-0 (30-15, 32-30, 30-19) last Tuesday.

Carmen Stankowski led WSU with 17 kills and Dobie quarterbacked the offense with 37 assists.

WSU traveled to UM-Crookston on Friday and defeated the Golden Eagles 3-0 (30-18, 31-29, 30-25).

Balich and Stankowski teamed up with 12 kills and Dobie recorded a match-high 44 assists.

The record-setting match was against BSU, as the Warriors swept the Beavers 3-0 (30-19, 30-24, 30-22).

Balich, Stankowski and Nemcek each had 10 kills, and Dobie turned in another solid performance with 36 assists.

"The girls are happy about the record, but they know that there is still business left to take care of," Mettill said.

The Perspective: Made-for-TV drama at Maxwell Field

Chandler MacLean
WINONAN

A sea of camera-ready twenty-somethings filled Winona State's end zone student section for Saturday's Bemidji State at WSU football game. Warrior pride is real and gaining momentum, but the spike in attendance at Maxwell Field at Alltel Stadium — WSU had its largest crowd of the season at 3,432 — was also thanks to the half dozen or so TV cameras on hand.

Fox Sports Net North aired the game live from Winona. The regional sports station reaches two million households in a five-state area. In other words, "Hi, mom!" opportunities abound.

On the field, the game provided a regional audience with a slice of Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference football at its best. The Warriors protected an 18-point halftime lead on their way to a 35-24 win.

A short sampling of the made-for-TV plays:

- Warriors quarterback Drew Aber leaping over a Beavers defender at the goal line for a 5-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Great decision. I've never seen anything quite like it. Aber and the defender were one-on-one, literally face-to-face, when Aber decided to jump right over the top of him.

- BSU preseason All-American receiver Anthony Schreiber running under a perfectly thrown deep

ball from quarterback Cory Wardrope for a 36-yard second quarter touchdown. The Warriors defender had good coverage on the play, staying right on Schreiber's hip, but the ball was thrown perfectly in stride.

- WSU receiver Scott Peters' ensuing 33-yard touchdown reception. Peters caught a short drag pass across the middle and put a nasty fake on a BSU defender, faking an inside cut at full speed before cutting it outside to the sideline and running it in. The FSN cameras got a nice replay of that one.

- WSU running back Alex Wiese drawing a personal foul for a third-quarter late hit. Upon replay, it looked like BSU caught a raw deal on this one. Wiese ran over the defender with a stiff arm. A classic example of the power running game he brings to the table.

- WSU strong safety Tyler

Perkette upending Schreiber on an overthrown deep ball. Schreiber left his feet for the lob pass over the middle and Perkette made him pay, sending the receiver head over heels on a full-front flip. Wee! Schreiber almost stuck the landing, except he didn't, and he probably thought twice about crossing the middle anytime thereafter.

- WSU receiver Tyrre Burks hauling in a 29-yard first quarter pass from Aber. Burks repeatedly made plays like this, snatching the ball out of the air with his long arms and 6-foot-6 size. His concentration and hands were in primetime form. He and Peters with Aber at the helm and Wiese in the backfield will be a maddening matchup for opposing defenses going forward.

- Wardrope's final play of the game. The Beavers quarterback hung in the pocket as long as he

possibly could on a 12-yard touchdown. He paid for it, too. The Warriors pass rush got to him just as he released the ball. Wardrope's head violently bounced from the turf. It looked bad. He stayed on the sideline bench with ice around his neck for the rest of the game. Gutsy play, but an unfortunate one for the Beavers, who could have used Wardrope's leadership on later pivotal drives.

"I believe that if we all have fun like that, nobody can stop us," Burks said. "That's what it's all about."



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WSU wide receivers Drew Alexander (81) and Tyrre Burks (11) celebrate after Burks' touchdown catch against Northern State on Oct. 13 at Maxwell Field.

Winona State Statistical Spotlight:

18, 10 overall and conference wins for the WSU volleyball team this season. The most since moving to Division II

12 consecutive games won by the Warriors

27 games won in their last 30 games overall

9 matches won in their last 10 outings

18 goals scored by the WSU women's soccer team over its five-game winning streak

2 goals allowed by the Warriors over that span

3 seconds remaining when WSU junior midfielder Leslie Schumacher scored the golden goal in the Warriors' 1-0 double-overtime victory over Concordia-St. Paul on Saturday

5 goals in 42 career games for Schumacher prior to 2007

5 goals scored by Schumacher in her last four games

6 goals scored by WSU senior forward Holly Sutton in her last five games

15 points tallied by Sutton over the same period

105 career points for Sutton — second all-time at WSU

38 career goals for Sutton, ranking her third all-time

61-12-7 career record of seniors Sutton, Kayla Walters, Katie Krantz, Kallie Tellefsen, Annie Lauterer and Molly Blum in their four years on the WSU women's soccer team

2,000,000 households reached by Fox Sports Net North. FSN broadcasted the Bemidji State at Winona State football game live Saturday to its five-state regional viewing area

51 career passing touchdowns for Warriors senior quarterback Drew Aber, who moved to third all-time at WSU after throwing for two TDs against BSU

32 points in the first half for the Warriors against BSU

13 points allowed per game by the Beavers going in

3, 0 total tackles, sacks for BSU defensive tackle Zach Stafford, the NSIC's preseason defensive player of the year, on Saturday against the Warriors

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